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TAGS: ENRG, AR

SUBJ: SPECIAL TRADE OPPORTUNITY: REFUELLING FOR ATUCHA I.

1. ARGENTINE AEC (COMICION NACIONAL DE ENERGIA ATOMICA-CNEA)

BREAKING WITH RECENT PRACTICE HAS DECIDED TO HOLD A "BY INVITATION" BID CONTEST FOR FABRICATED FUEL ELEMENTS FOR ITS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT ATUCHA. THIS PLANT, BUILT BY SIEMENS, IS A NATURAL URANIUM HEAVY WATER NUCLEAR REACTOR. REPORTEDLY BRITISH, CANADIAN AND GERMAN FIRMS WILL BE COMPETING.

2. THE CNEA WILL BE TENDEREING ONE CORE WITH AN OPTION FOR THREE MORE, VALUED AT \$3 TO \$5 MILLION DOLLARS EACH SHORTLY. CNEA HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO DETERMINE FROM POTENTIAL US SUPPLIERS WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE ANY INTEREST IN PREQUALIFYING FOR THIS TRADE OPPORTUNITY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC CONTACTING REPUTABLE US SUPPLIERS BY TELEPHONE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN PRICIPLE AND ADVISING EMBASSY OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE WHO MIGHT BE PREAPARED TO ENTER A BID. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY CNEA TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN RESPONSES WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. WE GATHER THAT THEIR INTEREST IN US SUPPLIERS IS SOMETHING OF AN AFTERTHOUGHT AND THAT SUPPLIERS OF OTHER NATIONALITIES HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR PREQUALIFICATION BIDS.

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